

Amendments to the Drawing Figures:

The attached drawing sheets include proposed changes to FIGs. 1 and 2 and replace the original sheets including FIGs. 1 and 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

By this Amendment, Applicants revise the Drawings and provide a new Abstract on a separate sheet. Claims 1-12 are pending in the application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of the priority documents.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.

OBJECTION TO SPECIFICATION

By this Amendment, Applicants supply a new Abstract on a separate sheet.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAWINGS

By this Amendment, Applicants supply revised FIGs. 1 and 2, attached hereto, wherein the elements 8-13, 15-19, 22-25, 31-37, and 41-50 have all been labeled.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objections to the extent that they require any further labeling of elements 20 and 30. Applicants respectfully submit that these blocks are already properly labeled by the symbols for the standard electrical components included therein.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejects claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Cesar et al. U.S. Patent 5,673,037 ("Cesar") in view of Meier European Patent Application EP 0805575 ("Meier").

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1

Among other things, in the method of claim 1 a check data block that is significant for the group of transponders is generated, and the data that is evaluated for the recognition of whether the transponder belongs to a group of transponders is data from the check data block that is significant for the group of transponders.

Applicants respectfully submit that Cesar and Meier, taken alone or collectively, do not teach or suggest such a feature.

At the outset, the Office Action fairly admits that Cesar does not even teach any check data block. However, the Office Action states that Meier teaches a message structure that includes a check block.

However, Meier only teaches the use of a check data block for error correction. Meier does not disclose or suggest that a check data block is generated that is significant for a particular group of transponders. Meier does not disclose or suggest that **the data that is evaluated for the recognition of whether the transponder belongs to a group of transponders is data from the check data block**. Indeed, the Office Action fails to even mention these features!

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is clearly patentable over any possible combination of Cesar and Meier.

Claim 2

Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and is deemed patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 3-4

Claims 3-4 are drawn to communication stations that include means for implementing the method of claim 1, and are therefore deemed patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 5-6

Claims 5-6 are drawn to circuits that include means for implementing the method of claim 1, and are therefore deemed patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 7-9

Claims 7-9 are drawn to transponders that include means for implementing the method of claim 1, and are therefore deemed patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 10-12

Claims 10-12 are drawn to circuits that include means for implementing the method of claim 1, and are therefore deemed patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing explanations, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the present application, allow claims 1-12 and pass the application to issue. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kenneth D. Springer (Reg. No. 39,843) at (571) 283.0720 to discuss these matters.

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